(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) DDA has reported that notices were issued in 53 cases where the unauthorised construction have taken place in village Vasant during 1984—87 under the Delhi Development Act, 1957. However, no demolition operation was conducted.

(e) and (f) Yes, Sir. DDA has been directed to look into the matter expeditiously and furnish a report. MCD is also being advised to take appropriate action for the demolition of these constructions.

Chowkidar in C.W.C.

2611. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 11 godowns within a radius of 26 KMs under Central Warehouse, Belda, Calcutta Region;

(b) whether Government have posted Chowkidars in sufficient number to guard these scattered godowns;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether due to present inadequate strength of Chowkidars to man these Godown, the existing Chowkidars have to perform duties from 6 A. M. to 10 P. M. regularly;

(e) if so, whether the extra hours of work is not likely to reflect upon the efficiency of the Chowkidars on account of strain; and

(f) whether Government propose to take any steps to post adequate number of Chowkidars to man these warehouses?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC) is operating 8 hired godowns with a total capacity of 3340 tonnes located in 5 different areas within a radius of about 16 KMs. under the Central Warehouse, Belda.

(b) and (c) The Corporation has posted six Chowkidars at this Warehouse, against the admissible norms of 3 Chowkidars, keeping in view the scattered location of the godowns. These Chowkidars are deployed for watch and ward arrangement during night. Since the godowns are located in a village/semi-urbanised area, the Corporation does not consider it necessary to post Chowkidars during day time in view of the additional cost involved.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

Impact of Floods in Punjab, Haryana etc. on foodgrain production

2612. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the severe flood situation in Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh will not be a hurdle in the fulfilment of the target of 166.57 M.T. of foodgrains production during the current year; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. The floods due to heavy rains in the month of September in Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir will not come in the way to achieve the National foodgrains production target of 166.57 million tonnes during the current year (1988-89).

(b) Does not arise.

Demurrage paid by FCI

2613. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of demurrage paid by the Food Corporation of India to the Railways during the last three years, year-wise, and the reasons therefor; and

(b) the steps taken to reduce it?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Demurrage charges paid to the Railway durig the last three years are as follows:

Year	Lakh Rs.
1985-86	809.38
1986-87	823.82
1987-88	789.65 (Provisional)

Low productivity of labour combined with poor infrastructural facilities is the main cause for accrual of demurrage.

(b) The following steps have been taken to reduce accrul of demurrage:—

(i) Handling arrangements at railheads have been strengthened.

(ii) Action is taken against handling and transport contractors or departmental labour whoever is found responsible for delays.

(iii) The railways are persuaded to waive demurrage charges in cases where unloading delay is beyond the control of FCI or due to lack of adequate infrastructural facilities.

Value of waste fruits and food processing units in the country

2614. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the approximate value of fruits being wasted each year in the country;

(b) the names of 2 or 3 areas where the fruits are being wasted, the types of fruits and the approximate value thereof and whether there is any fruit processing unit in this area; and

(c) the number of State owned fruit processing units in the country alongwith their installed capacity and approximate utilisation of the capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Complaints against contractor of Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd.

2615. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PATTNAIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 150—200 distributors had lodged complaints against the contractors of the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., to the concerned authorities regarding 4-5 Kgs. less weight of sugar in each of the sugar bags supplied by them to Fair Price Shops under circle 2, Shahdara on November 5, 1988 but the Assistant Commissioner and Commissioner of that circle have suppressed all the complaints at lower levels;

(b) whether any enquiry have been conducted in this case, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to suspend the guilty officers?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (c) Delhi Administration have stated that they have received 11 complaints regarding short-weightment of sugar from the fair price shops in Circle 2. These complaints have been referred to the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation, for taking necessary action and making up the short-weightment.